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3.	X		The local	unit is in o	compliance wi	ith the Unif	orm Chart of .	Accounts issued by the De	partment of	Treasury.
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10.	X									
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If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission. I, the undersigned, certify that this statement is complete and accurate in all respects.										
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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2007

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Independent Auditors' Report

October 23, 2007

City Council Douglas, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of the Village of Douglas, Michigan, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the City of the Village of Douglas, Michigan. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of the Village of Douglas, Michigan as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information, on pages 20 through 24, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Management has elected to omit the management's discussion and analysis from the required supplementary information. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of the Village of Douglas, Michigan's basic financial statements. The combining non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining

675 East 16th Street Suite 100 Holland Michigan 49423 Phone: (616) 392-8534 Fax: (616) 392-7299 www.fbzcpa.com non-major fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a

whole. Pusseber i Zwiers, P.C.

FERRIS, BUSSCHER & ZWIERS, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

Holland, Michigan

Basic Financial Statements

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2007

	Primary Government		
	Governmenta Activities		
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,226,875	
Investments		550,000	
Receivables, net		457,360	
Prepaids and other assets		893	
Capital assets: Land			
		93,800	
Construction in progress Other capital assets, net of depreciation	,	16,880	
Total assets		2,967,826	
Total assets	;	5,313,634	
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		211,243	
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year		39,794	
Due in more than one year		522,207	
Total liabilities		773,244	
Nint nameter			
Net assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	:	2,531,774	
Restricted:			
Major Streets		7,762	
General Highway Unrestricted		524,602	
		1,476,252	
Total net assets	\$	<u>4,540,390</u>	

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		F	Program Revenues		
Functions and Programs Primary Government	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions		
Governmental activities:					
Legislative	\$ 24,081	\$ -	\$ -		
General government	640,107	12,650	2,350		
Public safety	982,598	450,481	6,528		
Public works	521,540	117,547	127,424		
Recreation and cultural	123,347	17,814	11,788		
Interest on long-term debt	23,066	<u>-</u>			
Total governmental activities	\$ 2,314,739	\$ 598,492	\$ 148,090		

General Revenues

Taxes:

Property taxes, levied for general purposes

Property taxes, levied for roads

State shared revenues

Unrestricted investment income

Miscellaneous

Special items:

Gain on sale

Settlement income

Total general revenues

Change in net assets

Net assets - July 1

Net assets - June 30

Gr	Capital ants and tributions	Go	et (Expense) Revenue overnmental Activities
\$	-	\$	(24,081)
	-		(625,107)
	-		(525,589)
	1,125		(275,444)
	43,800		(49,945)
	-		(23,066)
\$	44,925		(1,523,232)
			1,316,803
			333,844
			102,864
			112,523
			86,588
			475
			150,000
			2,103,097
			579,865
			3,960,525
		<u>\$</u>	4,540,390

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2007

Assets	General	General Highway	Water and Sewer Revolving
Cash and cash equivalents	A 444 F40		
Investments	\$ 414,543	\$ 492,232	\$ 58,931
Receivables, net	450,000	100,000	-
	26,279	2,050	33,222
Receivables from other governments	217,619	-	148,176
Due from other funds Prepaid expenditures	893	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,109,334</u>	<u>\$ 594,282</u>	<u>\$ 240,329</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities:			
Bank overdraft	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	128,419	· -	912
Due to other funds	· -		64,138
Deferred revenue	150,000	_	33,222
Total liabilities	278,419	-	98,272
Fund balances:			
Reserved	3,500	_	_
Unreserved reported in:	7,777		
General Fund	827,415	_	_
Special Revenue Funds	-	594,282	142,057
Capital Project Fund	_	-	142,007
Total fund balances	830,915	594,282	142,057
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$_1,109,334</u>	\$ 594,282	\$ 240,329

					Total		
	Local	N-	on-Major	Governmental			
;	Streets		Funds		Funds		
æ	4.047	•	404.000	•			
\$	1,917	\$	131,239	\$	1,098,862		
	-				550,000		
			9,275		70,826		
	6,078		14,137		386,010		
	-		64,138		64,138		
	<u>-</u>		<u> </u>		<u>89</u> 3		
<u>\$</u>	7,995	<u>\$</u>	218,789	\$	2,170,729		
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
	2,667		7,896		139,894		
	-		-		64,138		
	<u> </u>		9,275		192,497		
	2,667		17,171		396,529		
	-		÷-		3,500		
	-		-		827,415		
	5,328		86,579		828,246		
			115,039		115,039		
	5,328		201,618		1,774,200		
\$	7,995	\$	218,789	\$	2,170,729		

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS RECONCILIATION OF FUND BALANCES ON THE BALANCE SHEET FOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES ON THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2007

Fund balances - Total governmental funds	\$	1,774,200
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Add - Capital assets		3,830,186
Deduct - Accumulated depreciation		(782,108)
Certain liabilities, such as bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Deduct - Installment notes payable		(542,165)
Deduct - Compensated absences		(69,784)
Deduct - Long-term legal accounts payable		(19,835)
Deduct - Accrued interest on long-term debt		(1,565)
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of certain equipment usage to individual governmental funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets.		
Add - Net assets from governmental activities in the internal service fund		158,441
Tax, special assessment, or other revenues unearned or unavailable in < 60 days for expenditures reported in fund statements.		
Add - Receivables		524
Add - Deferred revenue		192,496
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	4,540,390

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Revenues		General		General Highway		Vater and Sewer Revolving
Tax revenue	\$	4 240 400	•	200 011		
Licenses and permits	4	1,310,489	\$	333,844	\$	-
State shared revenues		71,699		-		-
Contributions from local units		108,517		-		-
Grant revenue		439,512		-		-
Charges for services		8,449		-		
Fines		78,944		-		75,062
Interest		8,982		-		
Other revenue		64,221		25,660		12,547
Total revenues		3,144				<u>534</u>
1 otal 164611963		2,093,957		359,504		88,143
Expenditures						
Current operating:						
Legislative		24,081		_		
General government		576,283		_		_
Public safety		974,455		_		_
Public works		173,479		459		2,917
Recreation and cultural		115,218		-		2,013
Debt service:		,				_
Principal Principal		53,791		_		_
Interest and other charges		23,651		_		_
Capital outlay		58,904		40,101		_
Total expenditures		1,999,862		40,560	_	2,917
				10,000		2,011
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		94,095		318,944		85,226
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers in		_				
Transfers out		_		(245,000)		-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-		_	(245,000)		-
()				(270,000)		
Net change in fund balances		94,095		73,944		85,226
Fund balances - July 1		736,820		73,944 520,338		56,831
Fund balances - June 30	\$	830,915	\$	<u>520,338</u> _594,282	<u> </u>	
	Ψ	000,313	Ψ.	<u> </u>	<u>\$</u>	142,057

		Total			
Local	Non-Major	Governmental			
Streets	Funds	Funds			
\$ -	\$ 6,314	\$ 1,650,647			
-	-	71,699			
40,783	86,641	235,941			
-	-	439,512			
-	201,375	209,824			
-	17,815	171,821			
-	-	8,982			
583	6,772	109,783			
	12,193	<u>15,871</u>			
41,366	331,110	2,914,080			
-	-	24,081			
*	-	576,283			
-	-	974,455			
188,531	151,342	516,728			
-	15,391	130,609			
-	-	53,791			
-	-	23,651			
124,655	20,411	244,071			
<u>313,186</u>	187,144	2,543,669			
(271,820)	143,966	370,411			
245,000	-	245,000			
	-	(245,000)			
245,000		-			
(26,820)	143,966	370,411			
32,148	57,652	1,403,789			
<u> 5,328</u>	<u>\$ 201,618</u>	<u>\$ 1,774,200</u>			

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Net change in fund balances - Total governmental funds	\$	370,411
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Add - Capital outlay		244,071
Deduct - Depreciation expense		(182,024)
Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds in the period issued, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental fund, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.		
Add - Principal payments on long-term liabilities		53,791
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of certain equipment usage to individual governmental funds. The net revenue (expense) of the fund attributable to those funds is reported within governmental activities.		
Add - Gain from governmental activities in the internal service fund		132,160
Tax, special assessment, or other revenues unearned or unavailable in < 60 days for expenditures reported in fund statements.		(24,801)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the funds.		
Add - Change in accrued interest on long-term debt		585
Add - Change in accrued compensated absenses		5,507
Deduct - Change in accrued legal fees	· · · · · · ·	(19,835)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	579,865

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND JUNE 30, 2007

Assets	Internal Service Fund
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 128 ,013
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets, net	30,428
Total assets	<u>\$ 158,441</u>
Net assets	
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 158,441</u>

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Internal Service Fund
Operating Revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 140,145
Operating Expenses	
Operating supplies	920
Depreciation	9,988
Total operating expenses	10,908
Operating income	129,237
Non-operating Revenues	
Interest income	2,738
Gain on sale of assets	185
Total non-operating revenues	2,923
Change in net assets	132,160
Net assets - July 1	26,281
Net assets - June 30	\$ 158,441

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		Internal Service Fund
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Internal activity:		
Receipts from other funds	\$	140,145
Payments for operating supplies		(920)
Total cash provided by operating activities		139,225
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Interest and dividends		2,738
Gain on sale of capital assets		185
Purchase of capital assets		(40,416)
Net cash used by investing activities		(37,493)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		101,732
Cash and cash equivalents - July 1		26,281
Cash and cash equivalents - June 30	<u>\$</u>	128,013
Reconciliation Of Operating Income To Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities		
Operating income	\$	129,237
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense		9,988
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$</u>	139,225

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the City conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by the City.

Reporting Entity

In December 2004, the Village split from Saugatuck Township and adopted a City Charter. The City is governed by an elected council. The accompanying financial statements present the City's activities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable. There are no entities which have significant operation or financial relationships with the City which should be included as component units.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual, that is, when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. Property taxes, state shared revenue, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the government.

The City's property tax is levied on each July 1st on the taxable valuation of property (as defined by state statutes) located in the City of the Village of Douglas as of the preceding December 31st.

The City's 2006 ad valorem tax is levied and collectible on July 1, 2006, and it is the City's policy to recognize revenue from the current tax levy in the current year when the proceeds of this levy are budgeted and made "available" for the financing of operations.

The 2006 taxable valuation of the City totaled \$117,125,553, on which ad valorem taxes levied consisted of 11.2004 mills for the City's operating purposes and 1.8814 mills for roads raising \$1,311,853 for operating and \$220,360 for roads. The 2006 taxable valuation of the City's Industrial Facilities Tax roll totaled \$840,700 on which taxes levied consisted of 5.6002 mills for general operating purposes and .9407 mills for roads. These taxes raised \$4,708 for operating and \$791 for roads. These amounts are recognized in the respective General and Special Revenue Fund financial statements as tax revenue.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the City's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The General Highway Fund accounts for the road tax resources and all non-state funded road construction projects.

The Water and Sewer Revolving Fund accounts for water and sewer connection fees for water and sewer improvements paid for by the City.

The Local Streets Fund accounts for resources specifically accumulated for the local streets capital improvements.

Additionally, the City reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds account for resources specifically accumulated for roads, launch ramps, and various cultural activities.

Capital Project Fund accounts for the financial resources used for the Center/Water Street intersection construction.

Internal Service Fund accounts for major machinery and equipment purchases and maintenance provided to other departments of the government on a cost reimbursement basis.

Private-sector standards of accounting issued prior to December 1, 1989, are generally followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The government has elected not to follow private-sector standards issued after November 30, 1989 for its business-type activities.

Amounts reported as program revenue include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and conditions, including special assessments.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenue rather than as program revenue. Likewise, general revenue includes all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenue and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenue and expenses generally result from providing services to other funds for equipment usage. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenue and expenses.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

Bank Deposits and Investments – Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value.

Receivables and Payables – In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as "advances to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

All trade and property tax receivables are shown as net of allowance for uncollectible amounts. Property taxes are levied on each July 1st on the taxable valuation of property as of the preceding December 31st. Taxes are considered delinquent on March 1st of the following year, at which time penalties and interest are assessed.

Prepaid Items – Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) are reported in governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$3,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

40 years
10 to 15 years
10 years
40 years
20 years
10 to 40 years
3 to 10 years
3 to 10 years

Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave) – It is the City's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. All vacation and sick pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide statement at year-end.

Deferred Revenue – Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period or for resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Long-Term Obligations – In the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

Fund Equity – In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Restricted Net Assets - The City's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for which restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

2. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. The budget document presents information by fund, function, department and line items. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the City is the department level.

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds

During the year, the City of the Village of Douglas incurred expenditures in certain budgeted funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

Budget Item	Budget	Actual	Variance		
	Appropriation	Expenditure	(Unfavorable)		
General Fund: General government Assessor Public safety Planning and zoning	\$ 55,700	\$ 55,718	\$ (18)		
	163,500	189,990	(26,490)		
Special Revenue Funds: General highway Capital outlay	19,500	40,101	(20,601)		

3. Deposits and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws, Sections 129.91, authorizes the City to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations which have an office in Michigan. The local unit is allowed to invest in bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligations; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivision which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

The City of the Village of Douglas Council has designated two banks for the deposit of City funds. The Council has adopted a deposit and investment policy in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997.

At year-end, the City's deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

Governmental Activities

Cash and cash equivalents Investments Total \$1,226,875 <u>550,000</u> \$1,776,875

The breakdown between deposits and investments is as follows:

Governmental Activities

Bank deposits (checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposit)

\$1,776,875

The bank balance of the primary government's deposits is \$1,789,666 of which \$300,000 is covered by federal depository insurance and \$1,489,666 is uninsured and uncollateralized.

4. Receivables

Receivables as of year-end for the City's individual major and non-major funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts are as follows:

	(eneral Fund	_	eneral ighway		Water nd Sewer Revolving		Local Streets	ar	on-Major nd Other Funds		Total
Taxes	\$	3,890	\$	599	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	4,489
Connection receivables		-		_	•	26,755		_	•	_	•	26,755
Special assessments		-		-		6,467		-		9,275		15,742
Intergovernmental		217,619		-		148,176		6,078		14,137		386,010
Interfund		-		-		-		· -		64,138		64,138
Other		22,389		1,451		-		-		-		23,840
Less allowance for uncollectibles	_				_		_		_		_	
Net receivables	<u>\$</u>	<u>243,898</u>	\$	2,050	<u>\$</u>	181, <u>398</u>	\$	6,078	\$	87.550	<u>\$</u>	520,974

4. Receivables (Continued)

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenue that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred revenue are as follows:

Settlement income	Unavailable	Unear	med
	\$ 150,000	\$	-
Connection fees	26,755		-
Special assessments	<u> 15,742</u>		
Total	\$ 192,497	\$	

5. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity of the primary government for the current year was as follows:

Governmental Activities	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated: Land Construction in progress	\$ 50,000 —————————————————————————————————	\$ 43,800 16,880	\$ - 	\$ 93,800 16,880
Subtotal	50,000	60,680	<u>-</u> _	110,680
Capital assets being depreciated: Buildings Improvements other than buildings Machinery and equipment Infrastructure	785,299 498,516 392,382 1,897,045	40,101 99,320 128,186	(80,927) 	785,299 538,617 410,775 2,025,231
Subtotal	3,573,242	267,607	(80,927)	3,759,922
Less accumulated depreciation for: Buildings Improvements other than buildings Machinery and equipment Infrastructure	203,098 67,017 359,637 51,259	39,240 27,731 35,892 89,149	(80,927) 	242,338 94,748 314,602 140,408
Subtotal	681,011	<u>192,012</u>	(80,927)	792,096
Net capital assets being depreciated	2,892,231	<u>75,595</u>		2,967,826
Total capital assets – net of depreciation	<u>\$2,942,231</u>	<u>\$ 136,275</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$3,078,506</u>

5. Capital Assets (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities: General government Public works: General Internal Service Fund Recreation and cultural Public safety Total governmental activities Construction Activities		\$ 36,983 111,344 9,988 10,866 22,831 \$ 192,012	
At year-end the City's commitments with contr	actors are as follows:		
		Spent to Date	Remaining Commitment
Center Street/Water Street into	ersection	<u>\$ 16,880</u>	<u>\$ 132,805</u>
6. Interfund Receivables, Payables and Ti	ransfers		
The composition of interfund balances is as fo	llows:		
Receivable fund	Payable fund		Amount
Center Street	Water and Sewer Revolving		<u>\$ 64,138</u>
Interfund transfers		Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out
Major funds: Local streets General highway		\$ 245,000	\$ - _(245,000)

\$ 245,000

\$(245,000)

7. Long-term Debt

The City issues bonds to provide for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the City. County contractual agreements and installment purchase agreements are also general obligations of the City. Special assessment bonds provide for capital improvements that benefit specific properties, and will be repaid from amounts levied against those properties benefited from the construction. In the event that a deficiency exists because of unpaid or delinquent special assessments at the time a debt service payment is due, the City is obligated to provide resources to cover the deficiency until other resources (such as tax, sale proceeds or a reassessment of the district) are received. Revenue bonds involve a pledge of specific income derived from the acquired or constructed assets to pay debt service.

Bond and contractual obligation activity can be summarized as follows:

		Principal Matures		eginning salance	Ad	ditions	(Reductions)		Ending Balance		e Within ne Year
Installment purchase agreem	ents:										
Chemical Bank	3.50%	7/4/17	\$	392,863	\$	-	\$ (29,297)	\$	363,566	\$	30,493
Chemical Bank	5.14%	3/1/21		187,430	•	_	(8,830)	·	178,600	,	9,301
Ford Motor Company	5.00%	9/30/06		15,663		-	(15,663)		· -		-,
Accrued legal fees	-%	7/15/08	_	<u> </u>		<u> 19,835</u>		_	19,835	_	
Total governmental activities			<u>\$</u>	<u>595,956</u>	<u>\$</u>	19,835	<u>\$ (53,790)</u>	\$	562,001	<u>\$</u>	39,794

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the above obligations are as follows as of June 30:

	Government Activities				
2008	Principal	Interest			
	\$ 39,794	\$ 21,202			
2009	61,203	19,628			
2010	43,007	17,989			
2011	44,712	16,284			
2012	46,488	14,508			
2013-2017	266,630	41,911			
2018-2021	60,167	5,279			
Total	<u>\$ 562,001</u>	<u>\$ 136,801</u>			

8. Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions and employee injuries (workers' compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The City has purchased commercial insurance to cover all risks of losses. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

9. Contingencies

The City received a \$620,000 grant in the prior fiscal year for improvements to Center Street. As part of the grant agreement, the City needed to create 31 new jobs by June 30, 2007. The City received an extension on the job creation criteria until June 30, 2008. The City believes that substantial completion of the job creation requirement will be met by June 30, 2008 and repayment of the grant for non-compliance is unlikely.

10. Employee Retirement and Benefit Systems

Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Michigan Municipal Employees' Retirement System)

Plan Description

The City's defined benefit pension plan provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The City participates in the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan (MERS), an agent multiple-employer plan administered by the MERS Retirement Board. The MERS Retirement Board, establishes and amends the benefits provisions of the participants in MERS. MERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for MERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Employees Retirement Systems of Michigan, 447 N. Canal Road, Lansing, Michigan 48917 or by calling (800) 767-6377.

Funding Policy

The City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate; the rate as of June 30, 2007 is approximately 8.37 – 14.14% of annual covered payroll. Employees are currently not required to contribute to the Plan. The contribution requirements of the City are established and may be amended by the Retirement Board of MERS. The contribution requirements of plan members, if any, are established and may be amended by the City, depending on the MERS contribution program adopted by the City.

Annual Pension Cost

For the year ended June 30, 2007, the City's annual pension cost of \$109,044 for MERS was equal to the City's required and actual contributions. The required contribution was determined as part of the December 31, 2005 actuarial valuation using the entry age actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions includes (a) a rate of return on the investment of present and future assets of 8%, (b) projected salary increases of 4.5% per year compounded annually, attributable to seniority/merit. The actuarial value of MERS assets was determined on the basis of a valuation method that assumes the fund earns the expected rate of return, and includes an adjustment to reflect market value. The City's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on an open basis over 30 years.

10. Employee Retirement and Benefit Systems (Continued)

Three year trend information as of December 31 (actuarial date) is as follows:

	2006	2005	2004
Annual pension cost Percentage of APC contributed	\$ 113,586 100%	\$ 73,298 100%	\$ 56,196 100%
Net pension obligation	-	-	-

11. Deferred Compensation Plan

The City Council offers all City employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, Section 457. The assets of the plans are held in trust by a custodian, as described in IRC Section 457 (g), for the exclusive benefit of the participants and their beneficiaries, and the assets may not be diverted to any other use. The Administrators are agents of the employer for purposes of providing direction to the custodian for the investment of the assets held in the account, transfer of assets to or from the account, and all other matters. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement 32, plan balances and activities are not reflected in City's financial statements.

12. Building Department

Revenues: Inspections fees	\$	44,135
Expenditures: Contract labor	_	(40,921)
Excess of revenues over expenditures		3,214
Cumulative excess of revenues over expenditures June 30, 2006	_	55,055
Cumulative excess of revenues over expenditures June 30, 2007	\$	58.269

Required Supplementary Information

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		Variance			
	Original		Amended		Favorable
	Budget		Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)
Revenues					
Tax revenue	\$ 1,314,925	\$	1,314,925 \$	1,310,489	\$ (4,436)
Licenses and permits	106,700		66,700	71,699	4,999
State shared revenues	111,396		111,396	108,517	(2,879)
Contributions from local units	492,027		492,027	439,512	(52,515)
Grant revenue	11,000		11,000	8,449	(2,551)
Charges for services	54,900		54,900	78,944	24,044
Fines	3,800		3,800	8,982	5,182
Interest	35,000		62,000	64,221	2,221
Reimbursements	500		500		(500)
Other revenue	 			3,144	3,144
Total revenues	2,130,248		2,117,248	2,093,957	(23,291)
Expenditures					
Legislative	21,750		28,250	24,081	4,169
General government:					
Manager	92,165		125,565	117,626	7,939
Clerk / Treasurer	218,554		218,554	215,462	3,092
Assessor	44,700		55,700	55,718	(18)
Legal and accounting	73,000		99,000	81,359	17 ,641
Building and grounds	183,850		108,850	82,673	26,177
Contingencies	1,000		3,300	3,203	97
Insurance	 22,000	_	22,000	20,242	1,758
Total general government	635,269		632,969	576,283	56,686
Public safety:					
Police	927,810		877,810	784,465	93,345
Planning and zoning	 172,500	_	163,500	189,990	(26,490)
Total public safety	1,100,310		1,041,310	974,455	66,855
Public works	107,800		173,850	173,479	371

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Original Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Expenditures (continued)	•	•		,
Recreation and cultural:				
Community relations	1,500	3,000	1,999	1,001
Parks and recreation	674,500	134,500	113,219	21,281
Total recreation and cultural	676,000	137,500	115,218	22,282
Debt service:				
Principal	55,138	55,138	53,791	1,347
Interest	<u>25,571</u>	25,571	23,651	1,920
Total debt service	80,709	80,709	77,442	3,267
Capital outlay:				
General government	-	12,000	11,500	500
Public safety	-	50,000	47,404	2,596
Parks and recreation	5,000	5,000		5,000
Total capital outlay	5,000	67,000	58,904	8,096
Total expenditures	2,626,838	2,161,588	1,999,862	161,726
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over (under) expenditures	(496,590)	(44,340)	94,095	138,435
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in	665,600	25,600	-	(25,600)
Transfers out	(3,500)	<u> </u>		
Total other financing sources (uses)	662,100	25,600		(25,600)
Net change in fund balance	165,510	(18,740)	94,095	112,835
Fund balance - July 1	736,820	736,820	736,820	<u> </u>
Fund balance - June 30	<u>\$ 902,330</u>	\$ 718,080 <u>\$</u>		\$ 112,835

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		Final					Va	riance
	I	Original		Amended			Fav	rorable
		Budget		Budget		Actual	(Unfa	vorable)
Revenues								
Tax revenue	\$	308,350	\$	308,350	\$	333,844	\$	25,494
Interest		25,000		25,000		25,660		660
Other revenue								<u>-</u> _
Total revenues		333,350		333,350		359,504		26,154
Expenditures								
Public works		20,000		500		459		41
Capital outlay				19,500		40,101		(20,601)
Total expenditures		20,000		20,000		40,560		(20,560)
Excess of revenues over expenditures		313,350		313,350		318,944		5,594
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Transfers in		400,000		_		_		_
Transfers out		(240,000)		(305,000)		(245,000)		60,000
Total other financing sources (uses)		160,000		(305,000)		(245,000)		60,000
Net change in fund balance		473,350		8,350		73,944		65,594
Fund balance - July 1		520,338		520,338		520,338		-
Fund balance - June 30	<u>\$</u>	993,688	\$	528,688	\$	594,282	\$	65,594

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL WATER AND SEWER REVOLVING FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

			Final			Variance		
	1	Original		Amended			F	avorable
		Budget	Budget		Actual		(Ur	nfavorable)
Revenues								•
Charges for services	\$	46,000	\$	46,000	\$	75,062	\$	29,062
Interest		5,700		5,700		12,547		6,847
Other revenue						534		534
Total revenues		51,700		51,700		88,143		36,443
Expenditures								
Public works		52,000		12,000		2,917		9,083
Net change in fund balance		(300)		39,700		85,226		45,526
Fund balance - July 1		56,831		<u>5</u> 6,831		56,831		
Fund balance - June 30	<u>\$</u>	56,531	<u>\$</u>	96,531	5	142,057	\$	45,526

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL LOCAL STREETS FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		Final						Variance		
		Original		Amended			F	avorable		
		Budget		Budget		Actual	(Unfavorable)			
Revenues										
State shared revenues	\$	49,500	\$	49,500	\$	40,783	\$	(8,717)		
Interest		2,500		2,500		583		(1,917)		
Total revenues		52,000		52,000		41,366		(10,634)		
Expenditures										
Public works		215,945		216,945		1 88,531		28,414		
Capital outlay		<u>-</u>		130,000	_	124,655		5,345		
Total expenditures	_	215,945		346,945		313,186		33,759		
Excess of expenditures over revenues		(163,945)		(294,945)		(271,820)		23,125		
Other Financing Sources										
Transfers in		170,000		260,000		245,000		(15,000)		
Net change in fund balance		6,055		(34,945)		(26,820)		8,125		
Fund balance - July 1		32,148		32,148		32,148		<u>-</u>		
Fund balance - June 30	<u>\$</u>	38,203	<u>\$</u>	(2,797)	\$	5,328	\$	8,125		

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF MICHIGAN

Actuarial Valuation Rate - December 31	2006	2005	2004
Actuarial value of assets	\$1,280,631	\$1,113,392	\$1,002,843
Actuarial accrued liability	1,663,832	1,407,308	1,366,745
Unfunded AAL	383,201	293,916	363,902
Funded ratio	77%	79%	73%
Covered payroll	738,339	682,016	604,063
UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll	52%	43%	60%



CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2007

	Special Revenue Funds							Capital Project		
	Major Streets		Schultz Park		DDA		Center Street			Total on-Major Funds
Assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	899	\$	36,145	\$	37,992	\$	56,203	\$	131,239
Receivables, net		-		-		-		9,275		9,275
Receivables from other governments		14,137		-		-		-		14,137
Due from other funds								64,138	_	<u>64,138</u>
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	15,036	\$	36,14 <u>5</u>	<u>\$</u>	37,992	<u>\$</u>	129,616	\$	218,789
Liabilities										
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	1,840	\$	-	\$	754	\$	5,302	\$	7,896
Deferred revenue		<u> </u>						9,275	·	9,275
Total liabilities		1,840				754		14,577	_	17,171
Fund balances										
Unreserved		<u>13,196</u>	_	<u>36,145</u>	_	_37,238	_	115,039		201,618
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$</u>	<u> 15,036</u>	\$	36 <u>,145</u>	<u>\$</u>	37,992	<u>\$</u>	129,616	<u>\$</u>	218,789

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		Capital Project							
D		Major Schultz Streets Park				DDA	Center Street		Total on-Major Funds
Revenues			_						
Tax revenue	\$	-	\$	-	\$	6,314	\$ -	\$	6,314
State shared revenues		86,641		-		-	-		86,641
Grant revenue		-		_		-	201,375		201,375
Charges for services		-		9,828		6,000	1,987		17,815
Interest		1,479		1,432		1,721	2,140		6,772
Other revenue						12,193	_		12,193
Total revenues		88,120		11,260		26,228	205,502		331,110
Expenditures									
Current operating:									
Public works		136,386		-		-	14,956		151,342
Recreation and cultural		-		2,388		13,003	-		15,391
Capital outlay		3,531				<u> </u>	 16,880		20,411
Total expenditures		139,917		2,388		13,003	 31,836	_	187,144
Net change in fund balances		(51,797)		8,872		13,225	173,666		143,966
Fund balances - July 1	_	64,993		27,273		24,013	(58,627)		57,652
Fund balances - June 30	\$	13,196	\$	36,145	\$	37,238	\$ 115,039	\$	201,618



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October 23, 2007

To the City Council and Manager of the City of the Village of Douglas

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the City of the Village of Douglas as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the City of the Village of Douglas' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the governmental unit's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the governmental unit's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. In addition, because of the inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies and other deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or a combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We believe the following deficiencies to be material weaknesses:

- Cash Reconciliations The City did not reconcile bank accounts to the general ledger
 accurately and in a timely manner at various times during the year. We recommend that
 the City's bank accounts be reconciled to the general ledger on a monthly basis to ensure
 that all receipts, disbursements, transfers and other reconciling items are recorded on a
 timely basis, and to ensure the accuracy of the City's cash balances and financial position.
- 2. Tax Fund Reconciliations/Payments to the City The City did not perform monthly reconciliations of the tax account general ledger balances to the BS&A tax program. The City should establish procedures to ensure that the proper amounts are paid to the city and other taxing units on a timely basis and that cash available in the tax collection fund is reconciled to the amounts owed to the various taxing units.
- 3. Journal Entries not Properly Supported and Documented We noted that some journal entries and tax account adjustments did not have supporting documentation available at the time of the audit. We recommend that all journal entries and adjustments to any disbursements have proper support attached to the journal entry and document the reason for the adjustment.
- 4. **Investments** The City's treasurer has the authority to invest the City's funds without significant oversight. The treasurer is also responsible for making all accounting entries relating to investment activity.
- 5. Written Policies and Procedures Many of the City's polices and procedures, especially those related to the accounting function, have not been formally documented. We recommend developing a written accounting policies and procedures manual. The benefits of a written manual include clarification of responsibilities and segregation of duties; communication of appropriate systems of internal controls; and improved continuity at the time of personnel changes.
- Auditor Adjustments While the City made some adjustments to the balances in the
 governmental funds to the modified accrual basis of accounting and adjustments to the
 balances of the governmental activities to the full accrual basis of accounting, we
 proposed, and management approved, additional entries based on our audit.
- 7. Preparation of Financial Statements in Accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) The City has limited expertise in the preparation of year-end financial statements and relies on the auditors to draft the annual financial statements including related disclosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- 8. **Segregation of Duties** Due to the City's limited resources and personnel, they inherently have difficulty in establishing and maintaining an accounting system with strong internal accounting controls including segregation of duties.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, and others within the entity, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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October 23, 2007

To the City Council and Manager of the City of the Village of Douglas

In response to management's request, we have compiled a list of recommendations for Council and management to consider in addressing the material weaknesses identified in our letter dated October 23, 2007, as required by Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 112, Communicating Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit.

Cash, Investments and Related Reconciliations

- 1. Close the Chemical Bank checking accounts if there is no reason to keep them open.
- Make journal entries daily for non-tax related deposits in order to eliminate data entry errors from recopying the account distributions and to help facilitate the bank reconciliation process.
- 3. Open a separate checking account for the tax account/fund in order to better reconcile tax activity and to create a paper trail for the City's receipt and distribution of their own taxes.
- 4. Bank reconciliations should be performed monthly and within a week of receiving the bank statement. Reconciliations should be performed accurately (showing only items not clearing the bank) and adjusted for tax deposits in transit. Old outstanding checks should be reissued or turned into the State of Michigan. Any unreconciled differences should be investigated and corrected promptly.
- 5. If the Clerk is not able to make additional distributions prior to month end to create a proper cash journal entry out of BS&A, we recommend that the Treasurer prepare a journal entry manually to record the deposits prior to month end and reverse the same entry the beginning of the next month, when BS&A will deposit receipts into the general ledger. This will properly state cash at the end of each month and the bank reconciliation will not have reconciling tax receipt issues.
- 6. Interest receivable should be recorded as part of the month end and year end closing process along with other accruals.

Tax Fund Reconciliations/Payments to the City

- As previously mentioned, a separate checking account would force the City to cut themselves checks for their portion of tax revenue, tax collection fees and interest, thus creating a paper trail that is similar to other cash disbursements. It would also force separate bank reconciliations for the tax account, which would address proper cutoff of deposits and checks.
- 2. We recommend monthly reconciliations of the tax account balances. If an analysis is performed monthly, it would bring to light any errors from BS&A links and mispostings Suite 100 made by staff during the disbursement process.

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- 3. We recommend that the Treasurer oversee and approve the work of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk surrounding the tax receipt and disbursement process in order to prevent and detect over or under payments to the City or to other Local Units. This may include reviewing the documentation of each disbursement and verifying that the accounts used are correct.
- 4. We recommend that the Treasurer reconcile the tax revenue in each of the City's own funds periodically and at year end to ensure proper posting.

Internal Controls, Segregation of Duties and Financial Reporting

- 1. Levels of oversight can be established, even in a small office environment. The work of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk can be overseen by the Treasurer if a monthly reconciliation and review of the general ledger were performed. A monthly close may include the preparation of workpapers to support balance sheet accounts and key revenue and expense analysis. Another layer of oversight of the Treasurer's functions may include having the unopened bank statement and cancel checks (or images) received by an independent person (City Manager or Board Member) for review prior to reconciliation. The Board or Finance Committee can provide additional oversight into check signing, invoice approval, cash reconciliation accuracy and budget verses actual reporting. Creating sign offs of these will prove that controls are operating and preventing and detecting errors.
- 2. Clearly communicating what each person's job duties are and what the City's accounting policies and procedures are crucial to creating an internal control structure. The City should consider developing and writing key accounting processes, accounting policies, investing policies, required sign offs, and internal controls so that the employees can work within the framework and the Board can measure performance against the written policies and procedures.
- Auditor adjustments for modified accrual and full accrual accounting will depend on the capability of the Treasurer. We will continue to assist the City in making the necessary adjustments at year end when necessary.
- 4. Preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles is a decision by Council to continue to contract the auditor's expertise annually.
- 5. As a general rule, all journal entries and manual adjustments to the general ledger should be properly supported and documented.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the City Council and management. If you have any questions regarding the issues or the above recommendations and suggestions, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

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